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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Higashino, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/355,371, filed May 15, 2001.

Applicants also wish to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Ramsey, U.S. Patent No. 5,858,195, issued January 12, 1999.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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